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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17-52, 55-89 respectively renumbered 1-86.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/30/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 02/15/2008
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Wrkich on 02/15/2008.

Please amend the following claims accordingly.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended):

A method for controlling and browsing a virtual book, comprising:

one of accessing information relating to an electronic book from a removable memory medium and accessing information relating to an electronic book through one of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and Internet;

accessing said information via a memory and control device;

displaying information on two pages of said electronic book;

displaying a left and a right side book thickness, said left and right side book thicknesses corresponding to a respective amount of information within said electronic book before and after said displayed information;

displaying a plurality of pages flipping, individually or in tandem, across said electronic book to a selected page;

controlling a virtual flipping through said electronic book with a wireless remote control device and said memory and control device, said wireless remote control device physically separate from and in communication with the memory and control device;

adjusting the left and right side book thickness to correspond to a jump to said selected page;

freezing one or more flipping pages in a partially flipped position;

unfreezing some or all pages frozen by said freezing;

displaying unfrozen pages flipping in a direction equal to a pre-freezing flipping direction;

displaying unfrozen pages flipping in a direction opposite to a pre-freezing flipping direction; and

displaying a first subset of unfrozen pages flipping in a direction equal to the pre-freezing flipping direction while displaying a second subset of unfrozen pages flipping in a direction opposite to the pre-freezing flipping direction.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended):

A method for controlling and browsing a virtual book, comprising:

one of accessing information relating to an electronic book from a removable memory medium and accessing information relating to an electronic book through one of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and Internet;

accessing said information via a memory and control device;
displaying information on two pages of said electronic book;
displaying a left and a right side book thickness, said left and right side book thicknesses corresponding to a respective amount of information within said electronic book before and after said displayed information;

displaying one or more pages flipping, individually or in tandem, across said electronic book;

controlling a virtual flipping through said electronic book with a wireless remote control device and said memory and control device, said wireless remote control device physically separate from and in communication with the memory and control device;

displaying one of a page-bookmark, an annotation bookmark, a finger bookmark, and a keyword bookmark;

displaying an Internet Universal Resource Locator field;

jumping to a selected page by one of selecting said page-bookmark, selecting said annotation bookmark, selecting said finger bookmark, selecting said keyword bookmark and activating one of a left and a right jump cursor;

jumping to a second selected page by one of selecting another one of said page-bookmark, said annotation bookmark, said finger bookmark, and said keyword bookmark and activating one of said left and a right jump cursor; and

displaying a second collection of pages flipping between said a current page and a second jumped-to-page, a thickness of said second collection of pages being proportional to a number of pages between a trailing edge page and the second jumped-to-page,

wherein said jumping to a second selected page occurring while displaying a first collection of pages flipping between a current page and jumped-to-page.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended):

A method for controlling and browsing a virtual book, comprising:

one of accessing information relating to an electronic book from a removable memory medium and accessing information relating to an electronic book through one of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and Internet;

accessing said information via a memory and control device;

displaying information on two pages of said electronic book;

displaying a left and a right side book thickness, said left and right side book thicknesses corresponding to a respective amount of information within said electronic book before and after said displayed information;

displaying one or more pages flipping, individually or in tandem, across said electronic book;

controlling a virtual flipping through said electronic book with a wireless remote control device and said memory and control device, said wireless remote control device physically separate from and in communication with the memory and control device;

controlling said displaying information, said displaying the left and the right side book thickness, and said displaying a ~~plurality of pages~~ one or more pages flipping simultaneously ~~flipping~~ with the wireless remote control device;

holding said one or more flipping pages stationary on a display; and

moving said held one or more pages across the display by controlling a position control component of the wireless remote control device.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended):

A method for controlling and browsing a virtual book, comprising:

one of accessing information relating to an electronic book from a removable memory medium and accessing information relating to an electronic book through one of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and Internet;

accessing said information via a memory and control device;

displaying information on two pages of said electronic book;

displaying a left and a right side book thickness, said left and right side book thicknesses corresponding to a respective amount of information within said electronic book before and after said displayed information;

displaying one or more pages flipping, individually or in tandem, across said electronic book;

controlling a virtual flipping through said electronic book with a wireless remote control device and said memory and control device, said wireless remote control device physically separate from and in communication with the memory and control device;

controlling said displaying information, said displaying the left and the right side book thickness, and said displaying ~~a plurality of pages~~ one or more pages flipping simultaneously ~~flipping~~ with the wireless remote control device;

picking up a first page or a first collection of pages from one of said right side book thickness and said left side book thickness;

collecting onto the picked-up first page or the picked-up first collection of pages a collection of additional pages into a first book subsection; and

holding or flipping said first book subsection.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended):

A method for controlling and browsing a virtual book, comprising:

one of accessing information relating to an electronic book from a removable memory medium and accessing information relating to an electronic book through one of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and Internet;

accessing said information via a memory and control device;

displaying information on two pages of said electronic book;

displaying a left and a right side book thickness, said left and right side book thicknesses corresponding to a respective amount of information within said electronic book before and after said displayed information;

displaying one or more pages flipping, individually or in tandem, across said electronic book;

controlling a virtual flipping through said electronic book with a wireless remote control device and said memory and control device, said wireless remote control device physically separate from and in communication with the memory and control device;

controlling said displaying information, said displaying the left and the right side book thickness, and said displaying a ~~plurality of pages~~ one or more pages flipping simultaneously ~~flipping~~ with the wireless remote control device;

picking up a first collection of one of one page and more than one page from one of said right side book thickness and said left side book thickness;

holding or flipping said first collection of pages.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrea N. Long whose telephone number is 571-270-1055. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 6:00 am to 3:00 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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